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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, AMBASSADOR RAISED PRG-GRUNK ISSUE IN DETAIL WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA ON MAY 6 (REFTEL C). AT THAT TIME, RABASA DESCRIBED GREAT DIFFICULTY FOR GOM IN ADOPTING NEGATIVE POSITION ON PRG-GRUNK INITIATIVES SEEKING REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETINGS, NOTING THAT THIS ISSUE DEAR TO HEARTS OF THE THIRD WORLD. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER THE U.S. VIEW AND POSSIBLY CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL D, THE EMBASSY ON JUNE 17 SENT FIRST PERSON NOTE TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, URGING THAT THE GOM RESPOND TO THE ICRC NOTE BEFORE JULY 31, OPPOSING PRG PARTICIPATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE.

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3. THE EMBASSY SOME TIME AGO CONCLUDED THAT APPROACHES TO

THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT ON THIS SUBJECT AT OTHER THAN THE SECRETARY'S LEVEL WERE TO NO AVAIL. THE LOWER ECHELON OFFICIALS HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA WILL ONLY RETURN TO MEXICO ON JULY 31 AFTER A ONE-MONTH ABSENCE, ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON VISIT TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES. UPON HIS RETURN, EMBASSY IS PREPARING FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ON EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND DELICATE BILATERAL ISSUES UPON WHICH USG AND GOM POSITIONS ARE FAR APART.

5. ON BASIS OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY CONSIDERS PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING MEXICAN SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE VIRTUALLY NIL. TO ATTEMPT TO REACH RABASA, ON EVEN OF RETURN FROM GRUELING TOUR IN EFFORT TO ELICIT FAVORABLE RESPONSE (AFTER HE HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO OUR PREVIOUS APPROACHES) ON THIS MATTER WOULD, WE BELIEVE, NOT ONLY FAIL TO PRODUCE DESIRED RESULTS BUT ALSO QUITE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON OTHER IMPORTANT AND TOUCHY BILATERAL ISSUES NOW PENDING.

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